(b) and (c) The Government's revenue is calculated not as per any checklists but rather as per the terms and conditions detailed in relevant License Agreements. Norms for preparation of the accounts by the operators are also prescribed in relevant license agreement.

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) and (c) above.

Appointment of experts in cultural field

†775. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to adopt the policy to appoint experts in cultural field as administrators in the cultural institutions instead of civil servants;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the names of institutions where civil servants have been appointed as administrators in the country at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) In order to induct professionals at the helm of affairs, the Recruitment Rules in respect of the posts of heads of 8 attached and subordinate offices of the Ministry of Culture have been revised, to provide for a Search-cum-Selection procedure (in place of selection procedure earlier); appointment on contract basis in addition to the existing modes of promotion and / or deputation basis; and, increase in the age of appointment on contract basis. Recruitment Rules in respect of posts of Director General, Archaeological Survey of India; Director General, National Museum; Director General, National Archives of India and Director, National Library have already been revised and that of Director, Anthropological Survey of India are under revision.

(c) At present, the post of Director General, Archaeological Survey of India is held by an officer of Additional Secretary level on regular appointment basis and the post of Director General, National Museum is held by a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Culture, on additional charge basis.

Monuments of national importance in Himachal Pradesh

776. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of monuments/sites declared as of national importance in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the amount spent on conservation and maintenance of these monuments during the years 2007-08 and 2008-09;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the amount earned by the Government as entrance fee from these monuments/sites during the years 2007-08 and 2008-09;

(d) whether Government proposes to declare any other monuments/sites as monuments of national importance in the State; and

(e) if so, the name and location of such monument/site?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) There are 40 monuments/sites declared as of national importance in Himachal Pradesh.

(b) The amount spent on conservation and maintenance of these monuments during the years 2007-08 and 2008-09 was Rs. 125 lakhs and Rs. 118 lakhs, respectively.

(c) The amount earned as entrance fee from these monuments/sites during the years 2007-08 and 2008-09 was Rs. 4.87 lakhs and Rs. 5.06 lakhs, respectively.

(d) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(e) Does not arise.

Constructions near Centrally protected monuments

777. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Archaeological Survey of India had in the recent past allowed constructions close to Centrally protected monuments and sites in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the reasons behind ASI allowing these constructions which have harmed the monuments and sites; and

(d) the remedial measures Government proposes to take in this regard to save these monuments and sites in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) to (d) The Government, exercising its powers under Rule 31 of Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Rules 1959 *vide* No. SO 1764 dated 16.6.1992 has notified certain regulations to regulate constructions near the protected monuments. The notification has also defined the protected areas (comprising of prohibited and regulated areas) of the monuments. However, certain protected areas of the monuments were having a residential houses/constructions even prior to the issue of the said Notification. The regulations caused a lot of problems to such genuine inhabitants as they could not even undertake repairs, alterations, restoration and reconstruction of their properties. To look into the problems being faced by such inhabitants, an Expert Advisory Committee was constituted by the Government in the year 2006 with eminent Town Planners, Conservation Architects, Archaeologists, Historians,